

church or delegate to pay a few dollars than for a congregation to pay \$100.

I feel that we as a church should put ourselves on record as favoring paying our way. This will give the city an equal chance with the country. Of course all who are unable to pay their way should be entertained free. Then the sisters can get the benefit of the conferences as well as the brethren. As this is the first convention in this state that the delegates are asked to pay their way I felt it would be well to make these remarks.

One more thought concerning this matter as this was the first to pay we felt like helping a little so that we found you a good place and we pay one-fifth of your hotel bill which we do freely and gladly. Now I believe you can see that you are not asked to pay because you are not welcome but because it was a necessity because of the circumstances.

We welcome you as a Sunday-school convention and a church convention. We welcome you because we believe you are God's children and have come to do God's work. We welcome you because by one Spirit we have all been baptized into one body, hence all have the glory of God and the upbuilding of his cause at heart. We welcome you because we hope that you have come here with the purpose of giving the Holy Spirit the right away in your hearts and letting him be the true president of the entire conference. We welcome you because we believe that you have learned that it is not with might or power but by the Holy Spirit the work is done. We welcome you first of all praying that we may be a blessing to you. We welcome you because we are very sure that you will be a blessing to us. We welcome you above all because we believe that this convention will enlarge in all our hearts the great thought of God—the whole gospel for a whole world. We welcome you because God welcomes you and because you are co-workers with him. We pray God that the very God of peace himself may sanctify you thro and thro and that your whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. As Paul for the Ephesian brethren we have bowed our knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you according to the riches of his glory to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ that passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. We pray that you may have an unction from the Holy One and be given true knowledge of all things. My desire is that you may be so filled with HIM that I may be able to say of you what he said to his brethren,

"The anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. He is able and will do it.

We pray God to welcome you and make you a blessing while here and to give you of the fullness of his Spirit while here that all of us may be a blessing thro life and when Jesus comes the bridegroom will welcome us as his bride to the wedding and then feast off of his love forever. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power both now and forever. Amen.

Responses were made by Bro's. R. Z. Replogle, E. E. Haskins and Henry Wise. On organization, the chair appointed Wm. Kolb, Jr., and George Pane as committee on credentials, their full report showing fourteen delegates present. Then proceeded to the election of officers. Moved by J. C. Cassel and seconded by E. E. Haskins that the rule be suspended and that the person receiving the highest vote be elected to Moderatorship and the next highest to be Vice Moderator. Carried. Chair appointed Bro's. Darling and Paul as tellers. The election resulted in the selection of J. C. Mackey as Moderator, and J. H. Knepper Vice Moderator. The other selections were J. E. Parsons for Secretary and Wm. Kolb, Jr., as Treasurer. Chair discharged tellers with thanks. Chair appointed the following committees: On Queries, Roger Darling and Horace Kolb. On Reports and Tabular Statement, E. E. Haskins and Wm. Kolb, Jr. Resolutions, E. E. Roberts, Henry Wise and R. Z. Replogle. The address of the afternoon by Rev. E. E. Haskins, entitled "Modern Sunday-school Methods" was well received, stirring up quite an interest, being followed in general discussion by I. D. Bowman, Roger Darling, E. E. Roberts, J. C. Cassel, R. Z. Replogle, J. H. Knepper and Henry Wise. Motion carried that we adjourn at 4:50 to convene at 7:30 P. M. Announcements for evening session were made by chair, also an announcement by I. D. Bowman that Anti-Secrecy literature was on sale in church. Session dismissed after having benediction pronounced by Rev. I. D. Bowman.

SECOND SESSION

At 7:25 P. M. Elder Henry Wise opened session by conducting devotional exercises, having for his lesson the 103rd Psalm. At 8 P. M. Moderator Mackey called meeting to order. Minutes of former session read and approved. The addresses, "How to retain young men in our Sunday-schools," by Rev. J. H. Knepper, and "How best to teach temperance in our Sunday-schools" by Rev. J. F. Koontz were heartily received and brought forth many responses from the brethren as well as visitors. The queries assigned were as follows:

1. What are the best methods of interesting children in Sunday-school?—E. E. Roberts.
2. How should a review be conducted?—M. C. Meyers.
3. Sunday-school excursions or picnics, what should they be?—J. H. Knepper.
4. Are Sunday-school libraries advantageous?—Henry Wise.

Announcements. Adjourned after having benediction pronounced by Rev. E. E. Haskins.

THIRD SESSION

Opened at 9:10 A. M. with devotional services conducted by M. C. Meyers, having for his lesson the 46th Psalm. At 10:25 Moderator called meeting to order. Minutes of former session read and approved. The first topic, Recognition of the Holy Spirit in our Sunday-schools, was opened and ably discussed by Rev. Roger Darling, being followed in general discussion by E. E. Haskins, J. C. Cassel, Harry Cassel, J. F. Koontz, R. Z. Replogle, J. H. Knepper, I. D. Bowman, and Henry Wise. The second topic, The best method of procuring teachers for our Sunday schools, was opened by Miss Vianna Detwiler, followed in general discussion by J. C. Cassel, I. D. Bowman, Henry Wise and R. Z. Replogle.

Committee on Resolutions made the following report:

To the Brethren S. S. Convention:—Your committee begs to offer the following report:

WHEREAS God in his infinite goodness has again permitted us to meet in this 20th State S. S. Convention of the Brethren churches of Pennsylvania, we feel called upon to acknowledge his loving kindness and tender mercy for the same, also to congratulate the convention upon the great interest manifested, the able addresses and discussions of the various subjects, and above all else, the very evident manifestation of the spirit of Christ as shown in the Christian courtesy and forbearance manifested by each to the other, as well as the ability, wisdom and justice with which the moderator has presided over the deliberation of the convention and the ability evidenced by our secretary. Therefore be it

Resolved 1, That we return to Almighty God our Father, our heart's gratitude for the privilege of meeting in this convention.

2, That the gratitude of this convention is due E. E. Haskins for his suggestions upon "modern methods in S. S. work," feeling that the true watch word is *more* and *better* in '99 than '98, and we do most cheerfully commend it to the convention.

3, That thanks be returned to J. H. Knepper for suggestions upon "How to keep young men in the S. S. schools," and commend other wise suggestions to the conference.

4, That the conference express its appreciation to Brother Koontz for his able remarks upon "Temperance teaching in Sunday schools."

5, That temperance instruction in our S. S. demands our best efforts, earnest prayers, exemplified life, and ballot with no uncertain